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Welcome to the community of the Catholic Parish of St John 23rd Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens where the love of Christ is shining in so many ways.

Dear Parishioners,

As you have been noticing, our sound system is really getting old and slowly failing to function. We have been postponing fixing it due to our financial constraints. We are afraid, soon it might completely shut down and fail. We need to fix it as early as we can. It is very important for us to have a proper sound system that is functional for our liturgical use. The estimated cost of the project including the new cabling and live streaming is around \$75,000. We have received a contribution of \$14,363 and we need to raise another \$61 thousand to meet our target. We have reached 20% target 100%, need to raise 80% left to reach target. Please make a donation towards the project, small or big depending your ability. Thank you for your cooperation and your generosity to the parish.
It is much appreciated.

You can donate by doing either of the following:

- ◆ Visit the parish website and donating through BPOINT. Below is the QR code for BPOINT.
- ◆ You can do a bank transfer to our parish account :
Account name : Blessed John XXIII parish
BSB : 067 950
A/C : 00000313
Ref : SS (and your name)
- ◆ Envelopes provided in the church.
- ◆ Tapping on the "\$20 tap & go" terminals



Our Parish Mission

The parish of St John XXIII is a faith community with the Eucharist as its heart. Inspired by John XXIII's prophetic opening of the windows of the Church, we welcome the fresh air of the Holy Spirit, inviting every person to share in the responsibility of enriching the life and faith of our community by sharing their gifts and talents."

Mass Times

Mon 8:30am
Tues-Fri 9:15am
Sat 9:00am, 6pm Vigil
Sun 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

Holy Cross Primary School Mass
Thurs 9:15am during school days

Masses for Special Occasions

1st Tues 7:30pm Novena Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
1st Fri 7:30pm Novena Mass
Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition + Benediction

1st Fri after 9.15am 7.30pm

Reconciliation

After the weekday masses
Sat after the 9am mass
until 10.30am
5:15 - 5:45pm before the
Vigil Mass or upon request

Sacraments

Sun 12pm Baptism by appointment

Devotions & Prayers

Mon 7.30pm Christian Meditation
Frances Pegram 0417 406715
Fri 6.30pm Christ Catholic
Community Prayer Group
Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039

Praise & Worship

Fri 7:30pm Risen Lord Comm
3rd Sat 7:30pm SJ23rd Prayer Grp

Today's gospel reading consists of three parables of the kingdom, and an interpretation of the first (v.24-30). The second parable (v.31-32) is curiously connected to two visions in Ezekiel and to Nebuchadnezzar's second dream in the book of Daniel, revealed in the references to birds that nest or dwell in the tree's branches (Ezek 17:23; 31:6; Dan 4:12). In Ezekiel 17 it is not the vigorous vine planted by the king of Babylon that survives, but the little shoot that God plucked from a tree and planted in Israel; it grows into a great tree, and is a home for the birds. Conversely, the great tree in Ezekiel 31 is Egypt, which, proud of its own grandeur, was brought down. Daniel's great tree is Nebuchadnezzar, who prides in his own greatness and is brought down, but repenting at the end he is restored to the throne as a humble king. By contrast, the gospel's humble mustard performs as the tree: the kingdom of heaven is not like the great kingdoms of earth, but is like the humble life of common people. The third parable (v.33) is the simplest: leaven works unseen—who knows how?—but certainly changing the dough and consequent bread from within. So too the kingdom of heaven works certainly but subtly, changing society from within. Back in the first parable (v.24-30), unique to Matthew, there is a more complicated image. Related to last week's parable of the sower, its interpretation likewise originated in the early Church. Mark's version is like that of the yeast, but Matthew's has the added element of darnel. It broaches the problem of evil: Why does God permit evil in the world? A simplistic approach presumes that what we find offensive should not exist, so God is not all-powerful or surely he would root evil out, or God is not good or surely he would not inflict pain. Thus concluding that there is no God is, in a perverse sense, to claim oneself to be an impotent god, for lurking at its depth is the thought, "If I were God, the world would be better". Almost in response to this, the first reading (Wis 12:13, 16-19) opens: "There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything". It develops the idea of how God's power reveals itself in leniency—a contrast to the ways of the world; for what earthly ruler is lenient to opposition? All over the world, in every age, rulers and governments declare opponents to be enemies to be repressed or uprooted, so in totalitarian regimes we have imprisonment, and executions, and invasions, while in others we find leaders and presidents encouraging mob harassment of the declared foe. This exercise of power is based in weakness, for these rulers have a real fear of being overthrown. God cannot be overthrown, and so is lenient; God seeks reform, and does not destroy for the sake of the good that is also present. So too in the parable: the servants are troubled by the darnel, but the owner chooses not to damage the innocent wheat by uprooting the weed. Perhaps examination of the darnel may challenge our simple classification of things as evil. Darnel is a nuisance only when it grows with our wheat. The ryegrasses to which it belongs provide some of the most valuable pastures in the world. We name as weeds those plants that upset our plans, but this does not mean they are not valuable to others. Are we the only creatures who matter? And do we always know when the things we like rely on things we despise? Such is the wonder of the world—that all things move in balance, if we but had the wisdom to see as God sees, who alone knows good and evil, and who alone can judge justly.

Meet our newly elected Parish Council

Congratulations our new Parish Council.

Karen Green



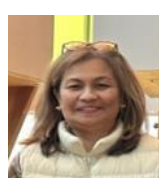
Ajith Lobo



Mei Velasco



Helen Festejo



Rebecca Reynolds



John McCabe



Dr Suni Fernando



Julian Martin

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands in which the Catholic Parish of St John XXIII and the Diocese of Parramatta sits, the land of the Darug and Gundungurra people. We would like to pay our respects to the Aboriginal Elders past, present and future for they hold the traditions, memories and wisdom of Mother Earth on which we place our feet upon today.

For further updates with regards to our parish activities, check the following website <http://john23rd.com/> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish/>

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God



Weeds among the Wheat

Gospel Acclamation

cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:24-30

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Teodora Paraggua

Anniversary:

Censina Baldacchino, John Baldacchino, Christopher Baldacchino

Sick: Names published with permission.

Lord Jesus, heal me. Heal in me whatever You see needs healing. Heal me of whatever might separate me from You. Heal my memory, heal my heart, heal my emotions, heal my spirit, heal my body, heal my soul. Lay Your hands now gently upon me and heal me through Your love for me. Amen.

Cesar De Jesus, Hilary Regan, Emma Matoza, Elsie Knapp, Victor Pons, Susanne Krajancic, Remedios de Huzman, Dr Bronwyn Andrews, Cindy Dadvias, Zoey Illic, Maryanne Jaramillo, Jerry Bondoc, Carrie Conolly, Charlie Busuttill, Peter Dawson, Manuel Sarris, Perla Magculang, Rosamma John Pellissery, Raymond Lanzona, Elizabeth Langley, Father Joseph, Jenat Perera, Isagani Ocampo, Mario Matias, Maria Romeo, Karam Matte, Valeria Laureta, Obet Dionisio, Barbara Thompson, Cristina Arceo, Pat Daly, Wally Atie, Greg Marcellana, Mavie Dela Cruz, Florencia Cunanan, Bev Lewis, Adrian Gould, Virginia Santos, Zenira D'Souza, Tony Muscat Jonathan Gemin, Rhonda Damian, Liv Toole Anshu Mala Nand, Sophie De Leon, Jo Daly, Kelly Ryan, Deidre Thomson, Jennifer Estrada Epifania Samaniego, Dragica Julich, Rosario, Roland, Michael, Gloria Bueno, Adolfo Mayo Elizabeth Candame, Ben & Etta Benesa, Florentina Elisura, Geoffrey Robinson Christina Properzi, Virginia Villanueva

Thanksgiving:

Wira Peiris

If you or a family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please contact the parish office.

PRAYING in the SILENCE of the HEART

Holy Spirit, you open us to a Gospel reality, love that forgives so much, that nothing is disastrous except the loss of the spirit of merciful love.

Brother Roger of Taizé

July Church Calendar

Mon	24	8:30am - Mass
Tues	25	<i>Saint James (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	26	<i>Saints Joachim and Anne (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Thurs	27	9:15am - Mass
Fri	28	9:15am - Mass
Sat	29	<i>Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	30	7:30, 9:00, 10:30am Mass 6:00pm - Mass

Praying together

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer

Oh Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your powerful name, the protection of the living and the salvation of the dying. Purest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, Blessed Lady, to rescue me whenever I call on you. In my temptations, in my needs, I will never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary. What a consolation, what sweetness, what confidence fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you! I thank the Lord for having given you so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering your name. Let my love for you prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Perpetual Help. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me and grant me the favour I confidently ask of you. (Then say three Hail Marys).

Novena mass - 7:30pm every First Tuesday

Join us for novena prayers every Tuesday, 7:00pm then pick up our Lady's statue. Roster below.

You may invite either Fr Jolly or Fr Zvonimir to join you in prayers at home.

Please organise with the parish office.



Rosary Statue Family Roster

Jul	4	11	18	25	
	<i>D'Souza</i>	<i>Ring</i>	<i>Vernon</i>	Jacob	
Aug	1	8	15	22	29
	Lozada	Meena B	Sebastian	Pangilinan E	Jacob
Sep	5	12	19	26	
	Fernandes D	Erasmio B	Barnouti	Jacob	
Oct	3	10	17	24	31
	Deang	Erasmio B	Sebastian	Jacob	Richards
Nov	7	14	21	28	
	Hala	Barnouti	Tina B	Jacob	

"A family that prays together, stays together - Fr Patrick Peyton"

For the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home, please contact Bart Sarlabus bart.sarlabus@gmail.com or Melva Paguinto emcpi85@yahoo.com.au. Families on the roster, if unable to pick up please don't hesitate to contact Bart or Melva.



SAVE THE DATE

26TH OF JULY, WEDNESDAY IS GRANDPARENTS' DAY
To celebrate, "THE YOUNG AT HEART" SENIORS OF THE PARISH will be organizing a morning tea after the 9:15am mass at the church kitchen, Wednesday 26th July.

ALL SENIORS AND GRANDPARENTS OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN.

Please bring a plate for sharing.

For more information, please contact following
Frank 0459 504 625 or Trevor 0407 150 399



Paying our debt together

Thank you to all our parishioners who have always so generously supported our Parish. We will always be grateful for your generosity

FIRST COLLECTION goes to support the priests and deacons of the Diocese.

SECOND COLLECTION provides for the running costs of the church and ministry expenses; it also goes to pay off our church mortgage.

A **Planned giving Program** is in place to help us with the planning /budgeting for the church expenses. To register, an **SJ23rd form** is available at the church foyer or from the website.

The Parish Finance Committee encourages parishioners to register for direct debit or credit card deductions instead of the envelope system.

Parishioners who want to make a financial contribution are encouraged to use the TapnGo machines by the entrances or online via BPoint.

or
scan the QR
code



The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. Mahatma Gandhi
We are in urgent need for volunteers to assist in the different pastoral ministries in our Parish.



WE NEED YOU

⇒ SRE Teachers

If you could spare an hour during weekdays to spread God's word teaching the scriptures to children, **WE NEED YOU**. We currently have 4 public primary schools and a high school in our parish where we hold scripture classes during school hours for 30 minutes during Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For more information call Asoki 0430 020265 or Renuka 0414 795814. Training and resources will be provided.

⇒ SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FACILITATORS

We require assistance at the children's baptismal rites during Sundays 12pm. For interested parties please contact the Parish Office on 8883 5981.

⇒ GARDENERS AND CLEANERS

Now that the church is open for celebrations, its floors need to be swept of dust, cobwebs brushed off, candle stands cleaned and garden kept green. We would like to request all our volunteer cleaners and gardeners to come back and continue their ministry.

For more information contact maintenance@john23rd.org.au or the parish office.

⇒ VINNIES VAN

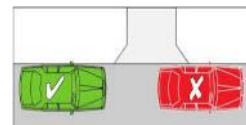
The Vinnies Van provides food, friendship, compassion and dignity to those experiencing homelessness and social isolation in the Mount Druitt and Parramatta areas. To become a volunteer of Vinnies Van you must be 16 years of age and over and available to attend induction training upon commencement.

For more information on joining the SJ23rd Vinnies Van team, please contact Naomi Reynolds at naomi1.rey@gmail.com

DRIVEWAY/CARPARK SAFETY

For everyone's safety, please park at least 1.8 meters from the church's driveway entrance.

Your parked vehicle must not block the flow of traffic or impair the vision of other drivers getting into or out of the parking lot, basically impeding vehicles from entering, exiting or turning into or from the church's driveway.



Vehicle safety is more than just staying alert when parking your car. Let us not become a danger to other road users.

Remember to please always use the footpath on both sides of the church car park when walking around the church parking lot, again for safety reasons.

Please make sure when you come to Mass, let us consider our neighbours. Do not block the neighbours' driveway.



HEALING SERVICE

WITH **DIANA INGLE**

7:30 PM

ST. JOHN XXIII COLLEGE HALL
160 PERFECTION AVENUE
STANHOPE GARDENS

28 JULY 2023



Diana is currently the International CEO of Christian Renewal Association Inc, an ecumenical ministry. She travels internationally training trainers in evangelism, empowerment in the Holy Spirit and charisms, inner healing, and deliverance.

UNIVERSAL SISTERHOOD PODCAST PRESENTS
ARISE

Talitha Koum Little Girl I say Arise



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday 16th September, 2023

St Finbar's Catholic Church Glenbrook

8:30am- 8:30 pm.

Holy Mass. Guest Speakers. Confession. Prayer. Praise & Worship.

Eucharistic Healing Adoration.

\$100 ticket all meals included.

TRY BOOKING <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/10784047eid-10784043a>



UNIVERSAL SISTERHOOD



SYNOD

As we prepare for the upcoming Diocesan Synod, it is very important for each of us to share our hopes for the future. Your voice is vital important. So please take the form that is at the foyer of the church. Discuss with your family and submit your responses online. We will have also the opportunity to submit our response as a parish afterh the parish assembly.

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LISTENING AT HOME **TOWARDS OUR SYNOD**

FOR KIDS

Bishop Vincent wants to hear from you and your family.

What you share will help shape the future of our local Church. We encourage you to pray, listen, and discuss the following questions, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide your time together.

For guidance on how to have a Spiritual Conversation visit www.parracatholic.org/synod2023

- How do you walk together with your family and friends when they are finding life hard?**

- What is the best thing about being part of God's family, The Church?**

- What are some ways we could share our gifts with the community?**

Submit your responses online
www.parracatholic.org/synod2023





**CHURCH
FUNDRAISING**

SAVE THE DATE - MINI FUNDRAISERS

We are organizing some mini fundraising events to help boost our parish community engagement as well as contribute to our church funds.

Any other suggestions for fundraising or availability of support are most welcome and greatly appreciated. Please contact either Nanette or Techie.

We encourage our parish community to support these small endeavours.



≧ Soup Night! ≦

Catch up with fellow community members over a bowl of hot soup - available to purchase fresh, or for takeaway.

All parishioners are warmly welcome!



Saturday 5th August, after the 6 pm Mass at the Church kitchen area.

Contact Nanette: 0404 465 600, or Techie: 0438 201 436



Cake Angels Stall

We will be having our stall of goodies and savouries during the morning masses, on **JULY 23, Sunday**

For any food donations, or if you would like to join this group of foodie parishioners and be a Cake Angel please contact Madeline Huang via cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com.

It will be greatly appreciated.

All proceeds goes to our church coffer.

YOUTH MINISTRY

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

Blaze is a youth group, Yrs 4 - 12, with the mission of creating a space for teens to learn, grow, serve and live out our Catholic faith. We facilitate the understanding and growth of our faith through various activities exploring the catholic perspective on a variety of themes such as social issues, teen challenges and faith-related topic.

Join us for a fun night filled with music, games, discussion, prayer and of course pizza. BLAZE youth session runs from 7:15 to 9pm and is held every second Friday throughout the school term in the St John XXIII school hall.

COME AND JOIN

If you would like to come along to one of our sessions, please contact the team at blaze@john23rd.org.au

Youth Coordinator	Asst Youth Coordinator	Youth Leaders	
Amanda Lee 0413 545 318	Caitlin Green 0425 579 594	Anna Todhunter Taylor Coutinho Natasha Surjanto	Charlotte Todhunter Johnathan Soosaipillai

MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord) YOUTH LEADERS		YFC (Youth for Christ) YOUTH LEADERS	
Rojith de Silva 0405 9563210	Nimeshi Fernando 0417 101009	<u>YFC International</u> Vince Erasmo 0406 253698	<u>YFC Australia</u> Jonathan Montaos 0401 478733



MEET OUR WYD PILGRIMS

Let us pray for our parish's youth pilgrims who will be going on a spiritual journey to Lisbon, Portugal.

And once again, we would like to thank you, our parishioners for providing the support that our youth needed to go on this journey!



For all youth ministry enquiries,

✉ blaze@john23rd.org.au

or visit our FB page

www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/

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BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

✉ celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au

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160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

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✉ stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.stjohn23stanhope.catholic.edu.au

PRAYER FOR WYD LISBON 2023

*Our Lady of the Visitation,
you who left in haste towards the mountain to meet
Elizabeth, lead us also to meet all those who await us to
deliver them the living Gospel: Jesus Christ, your Son and
our Lord!*

*We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay,
but with readiness and joy. We will go peacefully, because
those who take Christ take peace, and wellbeing is the best
wellbeing.*

*Our Lady of the Visitation,
with your inspiration, this World Youth Day will be the
mutual celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did.
Make it a time of testimony and sharing, fraternization,
and giving thanks, each of us looking for the others who
always wait.*

*With you, we will continue on this path of gathering, so that
our world will gather as well, in fraternity, justice and
peace.*

*Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation, to bring Christ to
everyone, obeying the Father, in the love of the Spirit!*



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Pastoral Formation



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For more events please go to parracatholic.org/events or <https://catholicoutlook.org/>

Safeguarding Mandatory Modules Face-to-Face Training

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are organising sessions for parish clergy, staff and volunteers to complete their Mandatory Safeguarding Modules throughout July at St Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills. The next available session is Saturday 22 July (12noon-4.45pm) for Modules 1-3. Please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or winstonhills@parracatholic.org to register for one of these face-to-face opportunities to complete your Mandatory Safeguarding Training.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

MET Worship RCIA Teams Formation Seminars: Beginning 3 August

MET Worship's Formation Seminar for RCIA Teams will be commencing on Thursday 3 August throughout August from 7pm to 9pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. New topics will be covered each week throughout the Seminar including Using Rituals, Mystagogia and more! To RSVP and to learn more about the seminar topics, please contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037795.

FaithLIFE – 3 Night Short Course on Synodal Spirituality: Beginning 22 August

Pope Francis has invited the Church to be more 'synodal'. But what does that mean as an expression of Christian spirituality? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on synodal spirituality with Sr Patty Andrew, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesday: 22 Aug + 29 Aug + 5 Sep. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148. RSVP via <https://pjparru.org.au/faithlife/>

MET Marriage Retrouvaille Program Information Session: 25 August

The Diocese of Parramatta aims to offer the Retrouvaille program for couples who are having difficulties in their marriage. We are looking for married couples who are committed to helping others heal their marriage relationships. You will be trained to facilitate this program. An information evening will be held on 25 August at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Contact Karin on (02) 8838 3460 or register at marriage@parracatholic.org

Diocesan Adult Confirmation: 5 September

Adult Confirmation 2023 will be held on Tuesday 5 September at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on Saturday 2 September at 9:30am – 2pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown (formerly known as the IFM). Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but are yet to receive the Confirmation. If you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037795 or hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.

Volunteer for the House of Welcome

Volunteers are needed by the House of Welcome to do odd jobs around properties which house refugees and people seeking asylum. If you are a handyman or woman with a few hours you can donate, contact Maricar at m.tupaeda@houseofwelcome.com.au.

Penrith Parish Room for Rent

St Nicholas of Myra Parish in Penrith is renting out an upstairs office space next to Catholic Care, Penrith. Contact Rodney (Office Manager) at enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.org.au or call (02) 4721 2509 for photos and more information.

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

CONTACTS

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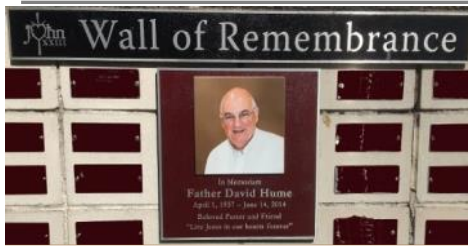
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COLUMBARIUM

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